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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : ADM Rectanus Letter re Indian Ocean

1. I discussed the subject with [REDACTED] He says that Carver wants to discuss the matter with appropriate NIOs before taking any further action. [REDACTED] personal feeling is that the Indian Ocean arena ranks rather low in priority for any "intelligence offensive" (whatever that is) and that it would be a mistake to shift any resources away from other more important tasks and focus them on the Indian Ocean problem. He asks that we take no action until the NIOs have talked the matter over.

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2. For your information, the Soviet force in the Indian Ocean now comprises four combatants, nine mine-sweepers, and one diesel-powered attack submarine. An E-class attack submarine departed the Sea of Japan on June 28 and may be heading toward the Indian Ocean. Further, the Soviet's are apparently sending their helicopter carrier Leningrad to the IO. It is now off the coast of Liberia and may participate in Soviet mine-clearing operations at the southern end of the Suez Canal.

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